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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION: MINISTERIAL MEETING, ROME

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REF: A) ROME 15622 B) ROME 15392

1. PER REF A, FOLLOWING FURTHER ASPECTS OF AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING WERE PROVIDED BY MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR (EUROPEAN POLITICAL) BATTAGLINI.

2. CSCE. ALONG LINES PARA. 4 REF. B, A "PROGRAM OF WORK CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI" WILL BE CONSIDERED.

3. MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO BATTAGLINI, RECOMMENDATIONS OF MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS GROUP "TAKE ACCOUNT OF" USG VIEWS RE INADVISABILITY OF ATTEMPTING REVISION OF NOVEMBER, 1973 EC RESOLUTION ON ME.

4. CYPRUS. ASSASSINATIONS OF TURKISH AMBASSADORS COULD BE FURTHER IMPEDIMENT TO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS. BATTAGLINI INQUIRED WHETHER USG HAS AN ASSESSMENT OF PROBLEM.

5. SPAIN. MINISTERS WILL CONSIDER LEVEL AND NATURE OF REPRESENTATION AT (PRESUMABLY IMPENDING) FRANCO FUNERAL AND SUCCESSION CEREMONIES. BATTAGLINI COMMENTED THAT ITALY COULD HARDLY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ROME FOR THE FUNERAL; MEMORIES OF THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR ARE "TOO FRESH" FOR THAT. IT MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE POSSIBLE TO NAME A SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE SUCCESSION CEREMEONIES, PROVIDED THAT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS PERMIT AND IF THAT WOULD ACCORD WITH INTENT OF OTHER MEMBERS OF NINE.

6. LEBANON. RECALLING POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL PLAJA'S REQUEST ON BEHALF OF NINE (REF B PARA. 7) THAT USG ADVISE ISRAEL AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN LEBANON, BATTAGLINI INDICATED IT WULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IF USG HAS SO DONE.

7. MBFR. BATTAGLINI SAID DETAILS OF MBFR DISCUSSIONS ARE SCANTY. SUBJECT IS USUALLY TAKEN UP AT LUNCH AND NO MINUTES ARE MADE. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT FOCUS IS NOT MILITARY BUT THE "EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CONSTURCTION OF EUROPE" OF MBFR PROPOSALS.
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8. ANGOLA. MINISTERS MAY EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS, TIME PERMITTING.

9. COMMENT: ITALIAN PRESS SERVICE THIS MORING CARRIES ARTICLE DATELINED YESTERDAY IN CAIRO CITING REPORT THAT "THE ARAB LEAGUE HAS REQUESTED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (IN ITS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF EC) TO UNDERTAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE URGENT

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CONVOCATION OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE TO EXAMINE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE DIALOGUE." IF TRUE, WE SURMISE MINISTERS MAY WELL GRAPPLE WITH THIS PROBLEM.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: BEYOND QUERIES OF REF. A, ADVISE REGARDING RESPONSE TO QUERIES ON CYPRUS AND LEBANON, PARAS. 4 AND 6, ABOVE. VOLPE

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